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**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments to the claims without adding any new subject matter, namely:

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5. [Previously Presented] The illuminated sign as set forth in claim 15, wherein said screen has a light-toned colour, and said indicia means are dark coloured, to provide a readily visible contrast under external illumination, for easy legibility.
6. [Previously Presented] The illuminated sign as set forth in claim 15, wherein said light sensor includes a photo cell incorporating a light-actuated switch that activates to an open circuit condition on exposure to ambient light of predetermined density.
7. [Currently Amended] A ~~long-range~~ house number identification panel, having a plurality of number indicia in selected arrangement positioned externally upon a viewing screen, a single electrically energizable phosphorescent screen having a rated operating voltage to provide a first level of luminescence of said screen, located behind said indicia; electrical supply means to energize said single phosphorescent screen to provide to said screen a voltage less than said rated operating voltage, to provide an acceptable lower level of luminescence, below said first level of luminescence and switch means responsive to a predetermined ambient light condition, connected in controlling relation with said electrical supply means, to disconnect said electrical supply from said screen and enable operation of said panel in an electrically unenergized condition under said predetermined ambient light condition, ~~wherein said screen has a first color in a non-illuminated condition, and a second color in an illuminated condition; and wherein said indicia has a color substantially the same as said color of screen in said non-illuminated condition, so that said indicia is only viewable when said screen is energized by said reduced electrical power means; a~~

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framing border surrounding the identification panel comprising two spaced side members, a bottom member and a top member, wherein the top member protrudes outwardly beyond said bottom and side members.

8. [Currently amended] The identification panel as set forth in claim 7, wherein said ~~number indicia have a height of up to about four inches~~ top member includes a recess for housing said electrical supply means.
9. [Original] The identification panel as set forth in claim 8 having a lateral width to accommodate four of said indicia.
10. [Previously Presented] The identification panel as set forth in claim 7, wherein said indicia are selected from the group consisting of separate, individual indicia of opaque material, and an opaque sheet having apertures therethrough shaped in the form of said indicia to permit the passage of light from said screen when energized.
11. [Currently Amended] A luminescent display for use in illuminating identification indicia, including a ~~vapour-proof~~ housing for attachment to a support surface; a single phosphorescent screen having a useful-viewable area, substantially opaque indicia means mounted externally upon said luminescent display; and electrical energizing means connected to the screen to apply a predetermined voltage to the screen in energizing relation therewith to illuminate the single phosphorescent screen to view the indicia when the screen is energized, said predetermined voltage being at a value significantly less than the rated value of said single phosphorescent screen, to correspondingly extend the service life expectancy for the screen; said housing defining along one surface a framing border oriented in a horizontal manner housing comprising two spaced side members, a lower member and an upper member, wherein the upper member extends outward from the surface beyond the lower and side members.
12. [Currently Amended] The luminescent screen as set forth in claim 11, including light-responsive cut-out means disposed on said upper member to disconnect said energizing means from said screen when ambient light exceeds a predetermined

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threshold level, to thereby significantly reduce the time of energization of said screen and to correspondingly increase the life expectancy of the screen.

13. [Previously Presented] The luminescent screen as set forth in claim 11, wherein said phosphorescent screen has a light-toned colour, and said opaque indicia means are dark coloured, to provide a readily visible contrast under external illumination, to facilitate viewing from a distance.

14. [Currently Amended] The luminescent screen as set forth in claim 11, said upper member includes a recess, said energizing means disposed in said recess ~~phosphorescent screen having a useful area in excess of twenty square inches, said indicia being up to about four inches in height, whereby the indicia are identifiable for remote viewing when the screen is energized.~~

15. [Currently Amended] An illuminated sign comprising:

- (a) a housing having a surface defining a top bottom, two spaced sides and a display opening;
- (b) a single phosphorescent panel disposed within said housing, said phosphorescent panel defining a screen adjacent said display opening;
- (c) an ultraviolet filter layer disposed over said screen;
- (d) indicia associated with said screen;
- (e) ~~reduced electrical~~ circuitry for power means energizing said phosphorescent panel to visually illuminate said screen for viewing said indicia, ~~said reduced electrical power means prolonging the longevity of said screen;~~
- (f) a light sensor to activate said reduced electrical power means at a selected level of light condition;
- (g) said top protruding outwardly from said surface beyond said bottom and two sides.

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16. [Currently Amended] A sign as claimed in claim 15 wherein said top defines housing includes a raised bridge portion, adjacent said display opening and projecting exteriorly beyond said screen and said single phosphorescent panel disposed below the top.

17. [Currently Amended] An illuminated sign as claimed in claim 16 wherein said light sensor is disposed on within said raised bridge portion.

18. [Currently Amended] An illuminated sign as claimed in claim 17 wherein said raised bridge portion includes a recess for receiving said electrical circuitry; ~~screen has a first color in a non-illuminated condition, and a second color in an illuminated condition; and wherein said indicia has a color substantially the same as said color of screen in said non-illuminated condition, so that said indicia is only viewable when said screen is energized by said reduced electrical power means.~~

19. [Currently Amended] A method of illuminating identification indicia disposed in front of a single phosphorescent panel defining a screen having a protective ultraviolet filter layer, comprising:

- (a) powering at all times said single phosphorescent panel with electrical power means at a level below the rated power level of the phosphorescent panel to selected to visually illuminate said screen and prolong the longevity of said single phosphorescent panel; ~~by powering said single phosphorescent panel at a level less than the rated level of said phosphorescent panel;~~
- (b) placing said ultraviolet filter layer on said screen to prolong the longevity of said single phosphorescent panel;
- (c) activating said electrical power means below a selected level of light condition so as to visually view said identification indicia and deactivate said electrical power means above said selected level of light condition with switching means so as to prolong the longevity of said single phosphorescent panel.

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20. [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 19 wherein ~~the color of said identification indicia is selected to be substantially the same as the color of said screen in a non-illuminated condition so that indicia is only viewable when said screen is energized by said electrical power means to produce a screen having a second color in an illuminated condition.~~ wherein said switching means is placed remote from said phosphorescent panel.

21. [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said single phosphorescent panel is disposed in a housing, said housing including a top, bottom and two spaced sides, said top defining a raised bridge portion and orienting said housing so that said raised bridge portion projecting exteriorly beyond said screen is located above said screen. bottom and two sides, said switching means disposed in the top.